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REMARKS

The interviews granted Applicants' attorney by Examiner Blair Johnson on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 and Monday, May 8, 2006, are acknowledged with thanks and appreciation. At the interview on May 8, 2006, Examiner Johnson agreed that all of the claims as currently amended by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment mailed May 18, 2006, would be allowable.

During the interview on March 22, 2006, the outstanding rejections of the claims were discussed. It was agreed that several amendments to the claims would be made, preferably for purposes of clarity and that certain claims would be cancelled, other claims would be written in independent form. The Examiner agreed at that time to reconsider the rejection of the claims based on the applied references and other references of record.

In the interview on May 8, 2006, Examiner Johnson called to say that the claims as amended in the discussion on March 22, 2006, would be allowed but claims 38 and 39 would not be allowable. Accordingly, claim 38, as amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 40, was allowed over the prior art references, including U.S. Patent No. 4,771,816.

The Examiner's statement of the substance of interviews in the Examiner's Amendment is believed to be accurate but, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant has submitted this Acknowledgement of Interview to complete the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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